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USCINCPAC PARIS ATTN. HOFFMAN

A. DESPLAS: RESULTS OF REGIONAL ELECTIONS IN THE TRENTINO-SOUTH  
SOUTH JOE AREA DOMINATE ALL MEDIA WHICH ALMOST UNANI-  
MOUSLY NOTE THAT GAINS SCORED BY LOCAL LISTS AND OF RADICAL  
GROUPS AND LOSSES SUFFERED BY DC. ... TO A LESSER DEGREE  
PCI ARE A WARNING TO THE NATIONAL ... PEOPLE'S TEMPLE  
MASS SUICIDE IN GUYANA COVERED PROMINENTLY, MAKES ALMOST ALL  
FRONTPAGES. SEVERAL PAPERS DISCUSS US-USER RELATIONS,  
REPORTING SECRETARY VANCE'S REPLY TO BREZHNEV'S STATEMENT  
ON FOREIGN INTERFERENCES IN IRAN, ANALYZING RELATIONS AND A BOMB  
ISSUE. LATTER DISCUSSED BY INDRIO MONTANELLI IN IL GIORNALE  
LEAD EDITORIAL.

SECT MASS SUICIDE IN GUYANA  
COVERAGE PROMINENT, WITH MANY FRONTPAGE STORIES OR HEADLINES.

1. PIER MARIA PATINETTI FROM LOS ANGELES IN CORRIERE  
DELLA SERA FRONTPAGE: "JONES CEMENTS THE GROTESQUE AND  
CRIMINAL CARICATURE OF THOSE PSEUDO-RELIGIOUS LEADERS...  
ENCODEPICTED BY SINCLAIR LEVIS IN ELMER GENTRY. FOR YEARS THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE ELECTRONIC MEDIA HAS MULTIPLIED THIS TYPE. JONES  
HAS TWO CHARACTERISTICS: FANATIC DISCIPLINE... AND HIS RELATIONS  
WITH CERTAIN MANIPULATORS OF MILITANT POLITICS. HIS RELATIONS  
WITH THE BLACKS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN STRATEGIC AND MANIPULATIVE,  
QUITE DIFFERENT... FROM THOSE OF HIS MOST DISTINGUISHED VICTIM,  
LEO RYAN."

2. INNIO CARETTO IN LA STAMPA FROM NEW YORK: "PRESIDENT  
CARTER, SHOCKED BY THIS INHUMAN EPISODE, HAS ASKED TO BE KEPT  
INFORMED OF THE DEVELOPMENTS. THERE ARE ALREADY VIOLENT POLEMICS  
ON THE SECT, ON POLICE ACTION TOWARDS IT, ON THE TRUTH OR ALLEGED  
GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES, ON THE ALIENATION OF THE AMERICAN

MINORITIES."

3. MARINO DE MEDICI IN IL TEMPO FROM WASHINGTON: "ABOUT  
NINETY PER CENT OF THE CONGREGATION WAS COLORED, THE REST WAS  
WHITE, PEOPLE WITHOUT ASPIRATIONS OR GOALS. BLACKS AND  
WHITES WERE NOT AIDED BY A BATTLE AGAINST AN OUTSIDE OPPRESSOR,  
WHICH WAS RECENTLY IDENTIFIED WITH THE FEDERAL ORGANIZATIONS."

4. JOHN CAPPELLI IN LA PRESSE SERA FROM NEW YORK QUOTES MRS.  
JONES AS SAYING THAT HER HUSBAND WAS AN IDEALIST. "ACCORDING TO  
MRS. JONES HE WANTED TO GIVE THE SECT... A MARXIST SUBSTANCE."  
CAPPELLI ALSO OUTLINES RYAN'S CAREER, NOTING THAT HE HAD WORKED  
IN BLACK GHETTOS, IN PENITENTIARIES... AND IN 1978 HAD  
INTERVIEWED YASSIR ARAFAT.

5. ANRINIO SAVIOLI IN L'UNITA' (AN ABSURD ESCAPE FROM  
'CIVILIZATION'). "THIS IS CLEARLY A TERRIBLE, MACROSCOPIC  
EPISODE OF A BROADER CRISIS. ... IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE  
THAT JONES' FOLLOWERS WERE ESCAPING FROM A SOCIETY WHICH IS FREER  
AND MORE PERMISSIVE, BUT AT THE SAME TIME MORE CONFORMISTIC,  
MORE SUPERFICIAL, AND TYRANNICAL. THEY WERE LOOKING FOR  
EQUALITY, FRATERNITY, LOVE. BEFORE THERE WERE THE HIPPIES,  
NOW THERE ARE INNUMERABLE SICTOS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES...  
THEY ARE NOT ONLY FAKE OR FRAUDS. ... THEY EXIST BECAUSE  
THEY SEEM TO SATISFY A THIRST FOR VALUES WHICH OTHER  
SOCIETIES NOT ONLY DO NOT SATISFY, BUT IGNORE AND LAUGH AT.  
THE LAYMAN, THE DEMOCRAT, THE COMMUNIST KNOWS THAT THE BEST  
WAY OUT IS NOT AN ESCAPE INTO MYSTICISM AND TRANSCENDENTALISM.  
HE KNOWS THAT IN THE DEADLY AND BLOODY END OF THE PEOPLE'S  
TEMPLE THERE IS A SEVERE WARNING. ... TO THOSE WHO ADVANCE  
OTHER PROPOSAL FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE CRISIS. ... GUYANA IS FAR  
AWAY. CALIFORNIA IS CLOSER, POLITICALLY AND CULTURALLY.  
AND YET WE FEEL THAT THIS MASS SUICIDE CONCERNS US TOO, THE  
INHABITANTS OF THIS GREAT VILLAGE, THE WORLD."

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